

Montana Disaster and Emergency Services
Weekly Update
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Training

ICS-300

June 10-11, 2010 0800-1700

HAFRC- Helena (class is primarily for National Guard)

POC- Fred Naehrer (406) 841-3968 or fnaehrer@mt.gov

Search and Rescue Rendezvous

June 10-12, 2010

Twin Bridges Fairgrounds

\$50 registration fee covers all costs and the Barbeque Dinner on Saturday

Bring GPS, compass, SAR gear and equipment

POC- For further information, please contact Chris Noon at rvsar@3rivers.net, (406) 596-5848, or (406) 842-5847. You can also contact Fred Wilson @ fwilson@3rivers.net, (406) 596-2263.

Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing/ Prevention of and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents

June 22, 2010 0800-1700

St Patrick Hospital, Missoula Montana

POC- Sgt Dave Ball 406-258-4810 or dball@co.missoula.mt.us

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July 1-2, 2010 0800-1700 both days

Crow Forestry- Crow Agency

POC- Charlie Hanson (406) 670-8155 or desdist5@imt.net

CRISIS LEADERSHIP FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS Emergency Management Training Program

July 12-13, 2010

Hilton Garden Inn Billings

http://www.nlc.org/ASSETS/7DA9B11B1CAF452A824A8143A2844576/EMTPF1yerBillings_0710.pdf

POC- Lorraine Gloster- Contact information in link above

MIPA (Montana Infrastructure Protection Alliance) Conference

June 16-17, 2010

Comfort Inn- Bozeman, MT

Registration Deadline is June 1, 2010

POC- Robert Rankin (406) 444-1316 or rrankin@mt.gov

2010 Montana Public Health Summer Institute- Sponsored by MT

DPHHS/MPHTI

July 26-30, 2010

Billings Convention Center

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/MPHTI/mphti-summer-institute.shtml>

POC- Tulasi Zimmer (406) 444-7072 or tzimmer@mt.gov

HSEEP Training Course

August 3-5, 2010 0800-1700 each day

State Office Building Auditorium- Salt Lake City

POC- Phillip Serrin, FEMA Region VIII- (303) 235-4682 or

phillip.serrin@dhs.gov

HSEEP Training Course

August 17-19, 2010 0800-1700 each day

Denver, CO- Location TBD

POC- Phillip Serrin, FEMA Region VIII- (303) 235-4682 or

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Exercises

None this week

Resources

1. 14th Annual Great Divide Workshop

November 2-4, 2010

Crowne Plaza Hotel in Billings

No charge for workshop unless you plan on attending the banquet

POC- Montana National Weather Service offices:

Billings- (406) 652-0851

Glasgow- (406) 228-4042

Great Falls- (406) 453-2081

Missoula- (406) 329-4840

Grants and Other News

1. Submitted by Kent Atwood:

Ladies and gentlemen;

The FEMA Natural Hazard Mitigation Grant Guidance for this next year is out and thus the application window for all the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)

Grants is "open" now. You can find the guidance at

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=4225>

Now is the time to begin an application or contact me for a site visit if you are unsure about feasibility or eligibility. Since the grant application windows are now "open" any costs you incur in application development (not Federally funded of course) may be counted for your total project match if your project or planning grant is awarded; keep good records! Remember that FEMA Mitigation grants usually fund 75% of the total project cost and local or Tribal Nation jurisdictions fund 25%. In certain cases for our smaller jurisdictions (3000 people or less) you may be eligible for a 90/10% split. For all project and or plan

applications you do need to have a FEMA approved (not expired) local PDM plan in place at the time the State submits your applications and also must have a FEMA approved (not expired) local PDM plan in place at the time of the actual grant award (funding) so for those of you who might fall into that donut hole with plans expiring after the submission deadline (3 Dec 2010), you may still be eligible if you are working on a PDM Plan update now or later this year. I have attached a list of all our county and Tribal Plans and their dates so for those of you who have PDM Plans expiring in 2011 or early 2012 may wish to consider applying for a planning grant to update your PDM Plan. Give me a call to discuss this.

I have also taken a considerable amount of time to go through all of the local plans on the shelf and develop a scrubbed list of potentially feasible projects from your mitigation strategies. Find this attached also. ***It is an update effective today as it was pointed out to me that fire breaks and dry hydrants are no longer eligible projects under the PDM/HMGP Wildfire policy guidance.*** But this list may remind you of those natural hazards you wanted to mitigate as you identified them in your local PDM Plan and I think may have a chance at FEMA funding as noted in the comments field.

For those of you serious about applying for mitigation projects (not plans) I am also planning a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) training session Sept 22-24 in Couer d'Alene in partnership with my counterpart in Idaho and I will reimburse your jurisdiction for all your travel, per diem and I will buy the hotel room. I have about ten seats still not spoken for so give me a call, lets schedule a site visit to your potential project, and if it looks like a keeper we'll get you or an engineer from your staff to the BCA training. Without a Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) of 1.0 or higher, projects are ineligible for consideration. I may be able to provide/fund technical BCR assistance this year from a qualified engineer to work with some smaller jurisdictions for a couple of worthy projects (TBD).

I will need your smooth applications by 3 November 2010 but will assist you the whole way through by coming to your office (as early as next month- JULY) to get you enrolled in eGrants (the online application system), helping you draft, improve and edit your application throughout the development process, and submit them on your behalf to FEMA at or before the deadline.

Finally I urge you not to pass this opportunity up. Individual projects can have a Federal Share funding amount of anywhere from a few thousand dollars up to a cap of \$3 million per project and the State of Montana could receive up to \$15 million in funding if we submit top notch applications with iron clad BCR's. It is too good an opportunity to pass up to protect our friends and neighbors from loss of life and property due to natural hazards. So please confer with your Commissioners, Mayors, Tribal Councils, Road Foremen, Floodplain Managers etc. to dig out those projects and give me a call to confer.

Good luck.

Kent Atwood, CFM
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Mitigation Works!